

Meeting Notes: 2.27.23

BRAVER ANGELS: Kathy Wiseman

- Bridging the divide in our country. Lincoln talked about better angels and this phrase morphed into the term, Braver Angels.
- Kathy and Sandy have been attending these meetings as observers. Their take:
- It's frustrating. Sandy and Kathy came out of it disturbed. Hard to listen to.
- They then went to another meeting, more of a workshop, about bridging the divide. There was more emphasis about managing yourself internally.
- Purpose to listen to people to talk about their thoughts and beliefs in honest ways. It's not an easy process.
- Much more about changing the way you internally change the process. It's not advocacy. It requires a real a real commitment to understand what "we the people really mean".
- Kathy doesn't suggest we do anything as Indivisible..
- Kathy is signed up to do two more workshops. She is committed to learning more. Once you understand someone, only then can you even think about making change.

POSTCARDS - Ricann

- Wisconsin Wednesday, March 1, at 2pm, don't get mailed until end of march. There will be 2 pickup places in Aldea.
- Our own postcards thanking the legislators for their wrote

GIRL'S INC. Cynthia

- Tuesday March 7 10-1 Girls Inc. at the Roundhouse.
- We don't know the agenda. But we do know this:
 - 1. Girls' active involvement, they testified. Affirmative Consent. They will celebrate.
 - 2. Cynthia talking about working with them about advocacy.
 - 3. April fund raising. 4. As an org they really struggle. They are not eligible for city funds.

POTLUCK

- Monday March 20 we are having a potluck party.
- Please let Stephanie know what you will bring.

SB19 - Rachel

- Bill to be heard in Judiciary rm 321
- Session will start at 1:30 or 30 minutes after floor session ends. Rachel will be in front
- Rachel talked with Phillip La...he was complimentary to us for taking this on.
- The Judiciary doesn't run like other committees.
- They might craft this bill with others - Pope, use of force. LEers hate this bill. So note that it will trigger the LE people.
- A lot of people may show up for that bill. They may take a few parts out of Pope bill and put in our bill. If they make it omnibus bill. They may make their own bill with our bill as a part. Municipal sheriffs want to make amendments.
- Will they make the end of the session? Once they decide it can pass and become law.

- Out of our hands and into theirs.
- Showing up on Wednesday: Sheriff Mendoza will be there and the woman coming from McKinley for Telecommunications. Richard Matthew will be there too. Ben Baker will be there. Judiciary will invite Tim Johnson, president of...New sheriff Bernalillo county John Allen.
- Be there at 1:30.

Ladonna Clayton - Executive Director of the Ogallala Land and Water Conservancy
Exec Dir - Ogallala Land in Clovis NM

- 37 - 38 water bills moving through the session all in an effort to ensuring NM's Water
- She is on a MLG's Water Policy and Infrastructure which is a 29 member task force.
- Problems in Water Supply. Norm Gaum says we are in an acute situation. We are behind the 8 ball. It can't be just a few people. It has to be everyone understanding the seriousness of the situation.
 1. State Govt Capacity
 - OSE Office of State Engineer - they don't have programs SB 337 HB 2. They need 15 full time people FTE (full time equivalent). They are using contractors - should be internal approach. HB 2 should be a source for these FTEs.
 2. Community Capacity : there are many concerns here. The underserved do not have the capacity to support this.
 - Massive wildfires, deep and lasting droughts and climate change.
 - Have to increase local - SB337 - worked with the middle rio grande group.
 - SB 70 a bill to help fund local projects .
 - SB 493 - Advance water reuse. Get brackish water addressed. Our infrastructure is very antiquated. It will take years to where it should be.
 3. Watersheds and Aquifers at risk - emergency needs should be in place in the future.
 - Water - climate change having a major impact. Greater aridity is behind it.
 - It's gotten worse over the last 100 years.
 - Eastern NM will be called an arid area.
 - At the Ogallala Land and Conservancy, they asked farmers to move into other arid farming methods. Instead of crops, Cattle and other low water need product.
 - Watershed degradation compromises surface and groundwater supplies. Demand exceeds supply.
 - Ute reservoir project. 25% decrease in stream flow and aquifer recharge.
 - What does water mining mean - go in and draw water from the source. Every time our irrigated LO's go in, they are mining the aquifer.
 - SB 9 improve river systems for people and nature. Enhanced Upland Watershed Protection.

Questions:

Cynthia - preface in book Cadillac Desert - NM Water Exec preface in a book said when the groundwater runs out we'll figure it out.

Jan:

- Has the state considered rebate programs for rain barrels and cisterns.
 - Answer: Did not make the recommendations.
- 1. Hydrogen development and the use of water that H demands. There is a serious concern.
- 2. Household use is low compared to agricultural.
- 3. Have to be PROACTIVE . Raising water costs can significantly save water.

4. Landowners moving from high water products to low water use They make less money. How do you monitor them from selling subdivisions. They are not make money on Cattle. This is not an economically viable solutions . Answer:
 - a. They are successful because they are paid for this based on the appraised value.The \$ they are making on that water came close to on that crop. Using another pool of \$ on dry land crop. They can claim insurance on dry land. In three years they will go into conversation easements. Under perpetuity.

Top Priorities in NM Bills.

1. **SB337 Water Security Planning Act . Meets with great resistance.**
2. **HB 2 \$ for the OSE and Interstate Stream Commission.**
3. SB 57 - Water Trust Fund has a lot of traction.
4. **SB25 - Federal matching funds - we need this \$ and needs help.**
5. **SB 9 improve rivers and water systems.**
6. **SB 493 Investigate and Protect Groundwater supplies**